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13. (Secret - GLC) Met with William Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee. We discussed the problems involved in the Agency's listing of extremely sensitive research projects as requested by the Bureau of the Budget for Senator Mansfield. After I pointed out the problems involved in some of these projects, Woodruff suggested that the Director send a letter to Senator Mansfield advising him that we were submitting the material to our CIA Subcommittee in accordance with part practices. He suggested further that these listings be available at the first meeting of the CIA Subcommittee in the event Senator Mandal Ad should ask to see them at that time. An appropriate letter is being prepared.

Woodruff advised that, in view of the press of business on the Hill, he would be unable to travel to the West Coast next week as he had planned. DD/S&T has been notified. (It is possible that some of the briefings we had planned to give Woodruff on the West Coast might be given in the Washington area within the next several weeks. DD/S&T is exploring the feasibility of this.)

Woodruff commented on Senator Stuart Symington's (D., Mo.) release of the Director's response to him on the Pueblo matter. He feels that this was ill-advised on the Senator's part and could create more problems for the Agency than the remarks of Senator Stephen Young (D., Ohio) which it was apparently intended to dispel. Woodruff was concerned about what might be considered an inconsistency in the letter to Senator Symington and the role which the Agency played in the 303 Committee's consideration of the Pueblo mission. In any event, Woodruff fully expects a Senate inquiry on this and said he is committed to assuring that Senator Russell is the best informed member of the Senate on this subject.

14. (Confidential - GLC) At his request I met with David Martin, on the staff of Senator Thomas Dodd (D., Conn.). Martin said he was preparing some material on Vietnam for the Senator's use. He said it would be helpful to him in this connection if we could provide him with information on the effect that casualties as opposed to mortalities are having on the Vietcong and the Vietnamese. He is particularly concerned about the problem which this might create for them in connection with hospitalization, medical care, and other logistical support for casualties. I told him I would look into this and be back in touch.

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